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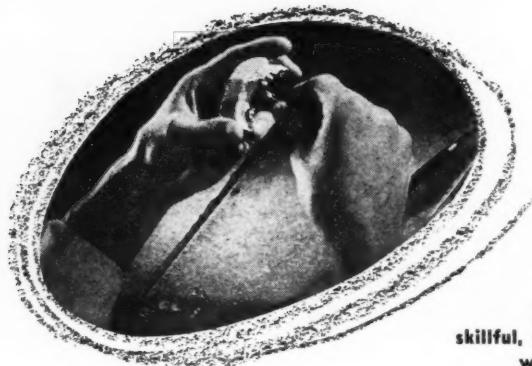
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# THE CALENDAR

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**December 2:** West Suburban Branch: The regular monthly Round Table will be held at the Oak Park Club. The Round Table will convene at 12:00 noon.

**December 2:** North Side Branch: The regular monthly meeting will be held at the Edgewater Beach Hotel. Dinner to be at 6:30 p.m., followed by a full denture clinic.

**December 3:** Kenwood-Hyde Park Branch: The regular monthly meeting will be held at the Sherry Hotel. Dr. J. J. Kovats will be the speaker for the evening. Dr. Kovats has chosen as his subject, "Artificial Dentures."

**December 3:** South Suburban Branch: The regular monthly meeting will be held at the Elks' Club, Harvey, Illinois. Dinner to be at 6:30 p.m., followed at 8:00 p.m. by the general meeting. The speaker for the evening will be Dr. Laurence Furlong, whose subject will be "Full Denture Diagnosis and Immediate Denture Technic."

**December 10:** Englewood Branch: The Old Timers Homecoming Dinner will be held at the Hotel Windermere East. There will be a cocktail party at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m.

**December 10:** West Side Branch: The regular monthly meeting will be held at the Midwest Athletic Club at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will open with a symposium lecture on "Periodontia" presented by Drs. B. Orban, H. Sicher and J. P. Weinmann, followed by dinner. The essayist for the evening will be Dr. Wallace N. Kirby, whose subject will be "Dental Economics and Practice Management." Dr. Kirby's lecture will be followed by a round table group clinic.

**December 17:** Chicago Dental Society: The third monthly meeting will be held in the North Ballroom of the Stevens Hotel. Dr. Harry Sicher will speak on "Anatomy in the Service of Practical Dentistry."

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## December Meeting Strikes New Note

Harry Sicher, M.D., to Give Medical Viewpoint

Spectators at the December Monthly Meeting of the Chicago Dental Society will hear a lecture on anatomy. But this will be no ordinary lecture! It will be replete with facts and will be entertaining as well. Dr. Harry Sicher, Professor of Anatomy and Histology at the Chicago College of Dental Surgery, will be the speaker. Dr. Sicher knows anatomy so well that he fairly exudes it. He also knows the dentist's angle and can make the subject profoundly interesting. The meeting will be held in the North Ballroom of the Stevens Hotel, Tuesday evening, December 17. A short business meeting will precede the scientific session which is scheduled for 8:30 p. m.

### ANATOMY

"Anatomy in the Service of Practical Dentistry" is the subject that Dr. Sicher has chosen to elaborate upon. In the course of his discussion he will cover such topics as: (1) Accidents during local anesthesia; (2) Propagation of dental infections; (3) Danger areas of hemorrhage; (4) Mandibular articulation and, (5) Accessory pulp canals. Accidents during anesthesia will include the breaking of needles, hematomas and the anatomical variations that cause failure. Propagation of dental infection is a subject all by itself and Dr. Sicher will touch on such things as cellulitis and infections in the floor of a mouth. Hemorrhages can be quite severe and there are certain danger

areas where they are most frequent. Secondary hemorrhages will come in for consideration, also. Dr. Sicher's description of the temporo-mandibular articulation makes it crystal clear even to the uninitiated and uninformed. This is one subject that he makes "come alive." Accessory pulp canals can cause lots of trouble and he will explain these in detail. Dr. Sicher will augment his verbal description with lantern slides.

### DR. SICHER

Dr. Sicher, besides serving as the head of the department of Anatomy, Histology and Research at Chicago College, is a research worker of renown. He is a member of the Research Foundation and has contributed liberally to literature. Dr. Sicher is a graduate of the Medical School of the University of Vienna. For many years he was a teacher in the Department of Anatomy and Embryology in the same institution. He has been active in research and has read many papers and published numerous articles on embryology, comparative anatomy and applied anatomy. He has also published text books on anatomy as applied to dentistry. He is no stranger to Chicago Dental Society audiences, having appeared on the Midwinter Meeting programs a number of times. He is in great demand as a speaker at the Branch Society Meetings as well and never fails to draw a crowd.

# Midwinter Meeting Program Nearly Complete

## Essayists and Limited Attendance Clinicians Sign Up

February is just around the corner, like a lot of things at the moment, and all eyes are focused on the greatest show of them all, the Chicago Midwinter Meeting. The dates are February 10, 11, 12 and 13. The place is the Stevens Hotel.

With the war gradually fading into the background, the trend is away from things military. The essay and clinic lists show an apparent resurgence of children's dentistry and kindred subjects. It will be the wise man who will take the preliminary program and chart out for himself an itinerary through the maze of essays, limited attendance clinics and general clinics.

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The question and answer periods, having proved their popularity, will be back again this year and one Town Hall type of symposium is in the offing. There will be two general sessions; the one on Monday evening will feature a speaker of national renown on a subject outside of dentistry, the other on the third morning of the meeting, Wednesday, will feature the winner of the prize essay contest. This program is in the making. These sessions are the standbys and should be a "must" on every visitor's schedule.

The social events will return to the pre-war standard. There will probably be a ladies' luncheon on Tuesday and a dinner followed by an entertaining show on Wednesday. The fraternities will hold their usual "stags" and there will be a number of class reunions. In view of the current interest in all dental society affairs, it will be wise to make reservations in advance.

### PROGRAM

Any detailed description of the actualities of the program is dependent upon the speed with which the various essayists and clinicians respond to their

invitations. Glancing over the acceptances, it would seem that the Periodontists are the most prompt, but the Pedodontists and Oral Surgeons are not far behind. From the East come our periodontists. Dr. H. A. Hartman of Cleveland will deliver an essay on "Treatment of Periodontal Diseases." Dr. Sidney Sorrin of New York will speak on "Diagnosis of Periodontal Diseases," and Dr. Henry M. Goldman of Boston will speak on "Various Periodontal Technics."

Full dentures will be covered by the essayists in good style and in many forms of approach. Dr. J. S. Landa of New York will present a paper on "Basic Principles in Securing Retention for Full Dentures." Dr. A. L. Roberts of Aurora will read a paper on "Balanced Occlusion of Full Dentures," Dr. Richard Holic will give his ideas on "Registration of Vertical Dimension in Full Denture Construction" and Dr. E. B. Owen of St. Louis on "Full Denture Construction." Dr. W. R. Eberle of Chicago will present "Mucostatics," and Dr. Carl Gieler of Chicago will give a paper on "Immediate Dentures."

Of course doing all these things well is important, but just as important to the dentist is the management of his own office. Under the practice management section, three essayists will present their versions on conducting a profitable practice. Dr. D. H. Miller of Elmira, New York, will speak on the general subject of "Practice Management." Dr. Charles Kendall of Milwaukee will read a paper on "The Credit Side of Practice Management" and on the children's phase, Dr. G. A. C. Jennings of Richmond, Virginia, will present "Management of Pedodontic Practice."

At this time let us close on the note that room reservations for the Midwinter Meeting are nearly exhausted. It would be well to be certain of your hotel reservation before coming to Chicago.—B. P. Davidson.

# EDITORIAL

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## DENTAL CARE FOR VETERANS

Applications for appointment as Participating Dentist were mailed early in October by the Veterans Administration to all dentists practicing in the State of Illinois. Any dentist who expects to take part in the Veterans Administration program must fill out this form and send it in. His application will be passed upon first by the Advisory Committee of the Illinois State Dental Society of which Dr. L. E. Steward of Peoria is chairman. This committee will approve or disapprove nomination of the applicant for appointment and, in turn, send it to the Regional Office where it will be further scrutinized by the Chief of the Dental Division. It then goes through Division channels to the Personnel Department which will issue letters of appointment.

A revised fee schedule appears in the October issue of the Illinois Dental Journal and dentists are advised to familiarize themselves with it. There is no obligation to participate in this program, but the veteran is entitled to every service that a grateful public can give. The dental profession, by cooperating in the Veterans Administration program, can thus show its appreciation in concrete form.

In a recent address before the Illinois State Dental Society, Dr. Spence A. Hutt, Assistant Chief of the Dental Division of the Veterans Administration for the State of Illinois, emphasized certain points that should be kept in mind in the program of dental care for veterans. He pointed out that the mere fact that a man has been in military service does not mean that he is eligible for dental treatment under the program. Eligibility is based on direct service-connected dental disability and dental service needed as an adjunct to the medical treatment of the service-connected disability. The Veterans Administration will determine this and a regional office, staffed with men trained to determine eligibility, has been established at 366 West Adams Street, Chicago. This regional office will authorize dental treatment and, according to law, there will be no reimbursement to either dentist or veteran for doing unauthorized dental work.

When a veteran applies to the dentist for dental treatment he should be told to file a claim with the Veterans Administration. In his claim he must state that he either received dental treatment while in service or that he considers his present dental condition due to military service. The claim can be made at any time, but a claim made within one year from date of discharge will give the veteran greater dental benefits. As stated above, this service-connection is determined solely by the regional office. If so determined, written authorization will be mailed to the dentist after which he proceeds with the dental treatment. Again it should be emphasized that only those procedures that are authorized will be paid for by the Veterans Administration. It is not permissible to do a different type of service from that approved and charge the veteran the difference.

However, any other service indicated which was not included in the original authorization may be entered into by a personal agreement between the veteran and the participating dentist.

# The Practice of Children's Dentistry\*

Claude W. Bierman, D.D.S.

When it has been my privilege to appear before any dental group and speak about Children's Dentistry, I have liked to think of my message as of the "Opportunities in Children's Dentistry." This is true because children do provide untold opportunities for the general practitioner to develop his practice and to increase his income.

My talk to you is therefore based on the practical side of dentistry and has been found acceptable from 25 years of children's dentistry. I believe in good sound dentistry for every child patient and also fees commensurable for my services rendered. That, gentlemen, is only sound business.

## FOUNDATION TEETH

In approaching this subject let us all agree and bear in mind that the first teeth in a child's mouth are not *temporary*, but are the deciduous or Foundation teeth. That word "temporary" has done much to retard and in many cases actually has inhibited any dentistry whatsoever for the child patient. Please remember that anything of a temporary nature has little or no value.

Let us analyze the psychology of this "temporary tooth" phrase as conveyed to the parent's mind. This analysis can be stated in one sentence: "Temporary teeth demand temporary dentistry and low fees"—Good dentistry and fair fees cannot be built upon such a false foundation. Let the word "temporary" be stricken from our dental vocabulary when speaking of the deciduous or foundation teeth.

In practicing Children's Dentistry one must have confidence in himself and his ability to perform dental services for the child patient. He must feel the honest value of his services for the child patient.

\*Read before the 81st Midwinter Meeting of The Chicago Dental Society, February 11-14, 1946.

This brings to my mind a sentence from Elbert Hubbard's philosophy and I want to quote it to you. He said "You cannot make others feel unless you yourself feel; you cannot make others see unless you yourself see"—end of quotation. In other words, you yourself must believe wholeheartedly in what you are doing to make others believe in you and your ability to serve. It becomes necessary for you to see and to know the value of Children's Dentistry before you can present your subject to the parent.

## PRESENTATION

Some time ago a fellow dentist said to me, "How can you get a fee for your dental services to a child when I cannot?" This man did beautiful dentistry for his adult patients, and I asked him if he ever explained his child cases to the parents or presented his child cases as he did his adult cases. He said that he did not think it necessary to spend the time, as their teeth were only "*temporary*." This man failed because he did not know his subject, and consequently did not know how to start a presentation to the parent. We must create a desire in the parent's mind for good dentistry for his children and also for our service.

In presenting Children's Dentistry to a parent, I always use models and radiographs of a parallel case or preferably of his own child's mouth. This is very important when we realize that the average person remembers only  $1/10$  of what he hears,  $3/10$  of what he sees, and  $5/10$  of what he sees and hears. Believe me, gentlemen, it is of great importance to spend time presenting each case to the parent. It not only builds for a successful result, but also for a compensating fee for the time you spend on each child.

## RADIOGRAPHS

In the practice of Children's Dentistry the radiograph is of indispensable value.

It shows so much of the true condition of the teeth that I require radiographs of all mouths from at least three years of age. I want to tell the parent a truthful story of his child's mouth, and it cannot be told without the aid of radiographs.

When using the X-ray for children, do not use the regular large film but the number O or small films. These are radiatized and require about 2½ seconds of exposure. The bite wing film of this size is quite comfortable for a young child.

In my practice I would not attempt the restoration of a tooth that had a fair sized cavity without a radiograph. I want to know two facts about such a case. First, the size and ramifications of the pulp chamber and, second, the depth of decay and proximity to the pulp. I show these findings to the parent and tell him what can be expected after the tooth is filled. By taking the precaution of X-raying before any operative procedure, one protects himself against failures and increases his service to the child.

I believe in taking bite wings at intervals of from 8 months to 1 year. A full mouth radiograph should be taken when the child is about 5 to 7 years of age or earlier to determine whether the permanent teeth are developing normally. Parents subscribe to this service readily, if they have been told of the necessity and value of X-rays.

#### FEES

Before computing any fees, I want you to think of two factors. One, the parent; the other "you yourself." The parent has brought his greatest possession, his child, to you for your dental care and guidance. Now "You Yourself." To you personally, nothing is more important than your own life, your happiness, your family, your future and theirs. We all look to the future and dream of its possibilities, and yet, the future depends upon you and you alone. To give ourselves a fu-

ture that we hope for, we all must make a profit to be put aside in anticipating that day. We can only do this by having a profound and deep respect for our profession and its possibilities. If good dentistry has been done for a child, then do not apologize for a profitable and honest fee. Parents will respect you all the more for giving a good service, and they gladly pay for it. I have never been able to understand why there has been the pronounced difference in children's dentistry as compared to adult dentistry. If we accept a patient, we obligate ourselves to give him the best service we are capable of—be that patient a child or an adult. Please think of this when caring for your next child patient.

There is one item that must be known in computing fees, and that is the hour cost of your "dead" overhead; which includes the rent, light, phone, hygienist or assistant. I do not figure laboratory or supplies, for they fluctuate in direct proportion to your volume of business, but one must know his cost per hour of keeping his office in operation. To this one must add his hourly profit to fit each parent. By that I mean, you may honestly charge a greater fee from a wealthy patient than you would from one of lesser means. This will allow you to level your hourly fee basis.

Many parents would like to know approximately the amount of money they will have to pay for dental service. If at all possible, give them some idea of the cost, but do not tie yourself down to a definite fee unless you are sure it will compensate you for your service.

I believe it wise to tabulate the prophylaxis and X-rays; single surface fillings which includes fissures or breaks; two-surface fillings, extractions, retainers, bridges, partial dentures, etc. Now return to the head of this list and opposite each needed item place the average fee; total the fee column, and you will have the approximate fee for the case. By this procedure the parent realizes the amount of dentistry to be done is quite extensive, and there is no mystery about your method of computing your fee.

## PAYMENT PLANS

This is a business transaction, and you must not stop with the naming of your fee. I like to give the parents who are "fee minded" three plans of fee payment. I do not know how they are accustomed to paying their bills, so I offer them one of the following plans:

- (1) Pay at each visit for services rendered;
- (2) Pay by the week, bimonthly, or monthly;
- (3) Pay when the services are completed.

If they choose either the number 2 or 3 plan, be sure to check on their credit. This is a wise procedure in any plan, as it is nice to know their credit rating.

I have spent probably 30 minutes explaining the case to the parent, but it has been time well spent, for the parent's interest has been aroused by the dental neglect in the child's mouth. I have been honest and sincere in my presentation, and I want the parent to know that what I do is for the health, comfort, happiness, and appearance of the child patient.

In 25 years of children's dentistry I have followed one rule, "Be honest, be fair, and treat people as you would want them to treat you." One cannot please everyone, for personalities do sometimes clash, but the above rule will take care of 99 per cent of the people who come to your office.

## FREQUENT VISITORS

During my years of a practice devoted to children, I have found it advisable to see my patients every three months—or four times each year. I do not have them on any so-called "contract" plan, but the parents pay for the necessary service at each three-month period. I have found the plan to be the most acceptable and fairest way to conduct my practice. It entails a little extra work, but it pays big dividends, and you will always have control of each mouth. I do not believe we can prevent decay, as that expression is interpreted by the parent's

mind, but we can avoid large decayed areas by detecting them in radiographs and filling them when in their early stage of development. This is also true of occlusal fissures or breaks.

I have developed in my office a chart for recalling patients. I do not believe our dental services to the child are completed until we have fully explained to the parent the need for regular dental supervision. I have said before, it becomes necessary to see the average child at intervals of three months to have his teeth polished and examined for cavities.

## HOME CARE

Home dental care is really a habit, and if our profession can do anything to increase the interest in the care of the mouth at home, it is our duty to do so. At each three-month visit for a prophylaxis the child's teeth are stained with a solution of 2 per cent mercurochrome, rinsed and shown to the child by mirror. The parent is also called to the chair to observe the red stain which will appear from any food or debris on the teeth. These red areas are pointed out and the child and parent are told that the brushing has failed to reach these stained surfaces of the teeth. After the teeth are polished, they are again stained and shown to the child and parent. We explain that all of this food debris and film can be removed by efficient brushing at home. Again the technique of brushing is explained to the child and the suggestion is made to the parent to purchase a bottle of 2 per cent mercurochrome and stain the child's teeth a couple of times each week to help them in their brushing, and if the parent does the brushing, they can see how efficient their brushing has been.

There is one more subject I want to talk about before closing my paper. It is so important to the practice of children's dentistry, and yet it is woefully neglected in many offices. I refer to "Environmental Psychology." What is it, and how should it be applied to one's practice?

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# NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## TESTIMONIAL DINNER FOR DR. PINNEY

Friends of Dr. Harry B. Pinney, long time General Secretary of the American Dental Association, will extend a testimonial dinner to him on the night of December 12 at the Chicago Athletic Club. Dr. Pinney retired after the last annual meeting of the American Dental Association after nineteen years of service. Prior to becoming General Secretary, Dr. Pinney was active in the Chicago Dental Society and in the Illinois State Dental Society, holding many important offices.

The following members of the Ticket Committee have tickets available:

North Side: Arthur W. Blim and D. Munger Hodgman.

North Suburban: Edward J. Ryan and R. B. Mundell.

Northwest: Glen E. Cartwright.

West Suburban: Werner Gresens.

West Side: Earl P. Boulger.

Kenwood: Harry A. Hartley.

South Suburban: L. W. Hughes.

Englewood: Lester E. Kalk.

Fraternity: Harold Oppice.

Central Office: John J. Hollister.

Dr. Frank Hurlstone is chairman of the Arrangements Committee. Tickets are six dollars per person. Dinner will be served at 7 p. m. following a fellowship hour at 6 p. m. All friends of Dr. Pinney are cordially invited to attend.

## DR. DONALD MACKAY GALLIE 1866-1946

Dr. Donald M. Gallie passed away October 8, 1946, following a brief illness and, in his passing, dentistry lost one of its most beloved members. He was a Past President of the Chicago Dental Society, the Illinois State Dental Society and the American Dental Association.

In addition to his active participation in dental society affairs, Dr. Gallie, in

his earlier days, gave innumerable clinics on the subject of "Gold Foil Fillings." He also contributed liberally to the literature. He was in great demand as a public speaker and his fund of Scotch stories was unsurpassed.

Dr. Gallie was the recipient of many honors, besides holding positions of trust in organized dentistry. He was a fellow of the American College of Dentists, and a Past Supreme Master of the Delta Sigma Delta Fraternity. He was an honorary member of the Ontario Dental Association of Canada and was awarded a gold medal by that association in recognition of his services to dentistry.

Dr. Gallie is survived by his widow, Harriet, and his son, Donald M., Jr., to whom the officers and members of the Chicago Dental Society extend their sincere sympathy.

The Editor is indebted to Dr. G. Walter Dittmar for much of the information contained in the above article.

## MINNESOTA DENTAL FOUNDATION

The Minnesota State Dental Association, which includes the members of the dental profession practicing in North and South Dakota as well as Minnesota, has set up a Foundation for the purpose of stimulating research in public health. The objectives of the organization are directly in harmony with the expressed aims of the American Dental Association in its plan to extend the benefits of dentistry to all the people.

Minnesota thus becomes the first state to sponsor such an undertaking. Throughout the life of the Dental Association many opportunities have arisen for the acceptance of bequests and philanthropic contributions for the development of dental research. With the incorporation of the Foundation, friends of dentistry and all interested individuals and agencies may contribute to a plan that will extend untold benefits to

the public in a manner befitting the true dignity of dentistry.

## MILLION DOLLARS FOR CANCER RESEARCH

The urgent need for more hospital facilities for the treatment of cancer patients will be partially met by the proposed Nathan Goldblatt Memorial Hospital at the University of Chicago. A gift of \$1,000,000 by the Goldblatt Brothers Foundation makes this possible. The hospital will be a clinic center for the treatment of cancer and other neoplastic diseases. It will connect with the surgical section of the Billings Hospital of the university clinics and will be the only hospital in the country with the entire staff engaged in full-time cancer treatment and research. It is expected that construction will begin next spring. Plans call for a six story structure with at least fifty beds, together with the usual service features necessary for the care of patients. There will be two operating rooms, an out-patient clinic, offices and research laboratories for the staff and the scientists working under the Committee on Cancer and the Committee on Normal and Neoplastic growth.

## INCREASE IN VETERAN-PATIENTS

The Veterans Administration reports a twenty-nine percent increase since V-J Day in the number of veteran-patients in hospitals. The total on September 12 was 104,612 compared with 81,081 on V-J day. The biggest increase was among World War II veterans with non-service connected disabilities. The number of such patients rose from 10,388 to 24,437. The second largest increase was among World War II veterans with service connected disabilities. These rose from 11,593 to 17,476. The Veterans Administration also announces plans for increasing its hospital space in Chicago. At present, Hines Hospital with its 3,000 beds is the world's largest hospital for servicemen. To augment this, the Veterans Administration will build a \$10,000,000

tumor hospital at the Northwestern University medical center and a 1,000 bed general hospital at the West Side medical center.

## LIFE EXPECTANCY OF PRESIDENTS

Only twelve of our thirty deceased Presidents outlived their expectation of life at inauguration, and the long-lived executives were concentrated, for the most part, in the earlier period of the Nation's history. Since 1900, however, only William Howard Taft survived his expectation of life at inauguration. Herbert Hoover, our only living ex-President, has reached the mark and President Truman, naturally, has many years to go before attaining the goal.

Most of our Presidents have been men past middle life by the time they entered office. The youngest was Theodore Roosevelt who was only forty-two when inaugurated. The oldest, William Henry Harrison, took office at the age of sixty-eight and died one month later.

The physical and mental strains in rendering executive decisions in a nation of 140,000,000 people are terrific, but statistics seem to indicate that being President does not necessarily take years away from your life. It is true, however, that unsuccessful candidates for the Presidency have fared much better, on the whole, with respect to longevity than have those who were elected to national leadership.

## DR. FRANK W. BOOTH 1870-1946

Dr. Frank W. Booth, who practiced in Chicago's Loop for forty-three years, died on November 8, 1946, at his home in Evanston. Dr. Booth retired five years ago and had been in poor health for some time. He was graduated from Northwestern University in 1895. He was a Life Member of the Illinois State Dental Society and an Emeritus Member of the Odontographic Society of Chicago.

Besides his widow, Laura, a daughter, Mrs. Frank W. Allen of Winnetka, survives him.

## **COUNCIL ON DENTAL HEALTH ON THE JOB**

A precedent was established during the last session of Congress that may well affect future legislation. In adopting the Hospital Survey and Construction Act, Congress directed the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service to secure the approval of the Federal Hospital Council in the establishment of rules and regulations in carrying out the provisions of the Act. This Council is made up of hospital authorities, etc. Upon the insistence of the American Dental Association, a National Dental Health Council was established to be responsible for approving dental health plans. Thus, competent representatives of the health professions will be among the Surgeon General's advisers.

The dental program of the Veterans Administration is being developed through consultation with committees of the American Dental Association and its constituent societies. Here, too, the dental profession is being given an opportunity to express its views. Active participation of the dental profession in adopting the new methods of procedure was brought about by an urgent appeal from officials of the Illinois State Dental Society. This action resulted in close liaison between the Veterans Administration and national and state dental organizations.

Application forms for Participating Dentists were in the mails last month. Dentists who wish to take part in the program are urged to sign up at once.

## **NEW DIRECTOR FOR DENTAL DIVISION**

Dr. John Chrietzberg of Birmingham, Alabama, has been appointed Director of the Dental Division of the Department of Health of the State of Illinois. He will assume his new duties on January 1, 1947. Dr. Chrietzberg comes to Illinois after a term as Acting Director of the Dental Division of the Alabama State Department of Health. He received his master's degree in Public Health from the University of Michigan.

## **ARMY SPEEDS UP DISCHARGES**

The War Department announced a plan to speed up the discharge of temporary officers, affecting about half of its 170,000 commissioned personnel, as an economy move and to obtain a completely volunteer officer corps. Under the new plan, most officers who would not have returned to civilian life until June 30, 1947, will be allowed discharges by the end of this year. About 85,000 officers involved could remain in by volunteering for extra service. The 25,000 regular Army officers are not affected; also exempt are certain specialists and medical department officers and recent officer candidate enrollees.

## **CHICAGO DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION HOLDS MONTHLY MEETING**

The Chicago Dental Assistants Association is planning a busy pre-holiday season.

The highlight of the monthly meeting on Thursday, December 12, in Room 529 of the Pittsfield Building will be a book review by Mrs. Minnie Dow. Her selection will be announced at a later date.

Initiation of new members will take place at the December meeting. Plans for a Christmas party are now under way.

## **DR. H. EDMUND FRIESELL 1873-1946**

Dr. H. Edmund Friesell, Dean of University of Pittsburgh, School of Dentistry, passed away on October 27. He was a leading figure in organized dentistry for a score of years having served as President of the American Dental Association and as assistant editor of the Journal of Dental Research. He also represented his district on the Board of Trustees on the American Dental Association for several terms. He was a Past Supreme Grand Master of the Psi Omega Fraternity and had a hand in shaping its destinies down through the years.

## ELECTIONS TO MEMBERSHIP

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Dental Society, October 22, the following candidates were elected to membership:

### **Englewood**

Harold M. Stackler, 2750 W. 63rd St.  
S. R. Tikusis, 10127 S. Perry Ave.

### **Kenwood**

Arthur F. Molay, 9120 S. Commercial Ave.  
Thomas A. Hiura, 6116 Dorchester Ave.

### **North Suburban**

Frank J. Bobal, 6816 Harts Rd., Niles.  
Harold W. Born, 342½ Park Ave., Glencoe.  
Douglas W. Cook, 627 Grove St., Evanston.

### **North Side**

Arthur F. Montuori, 3559 N. Western Ave.  
Morris D. Tiersky, 4821 N. Sheridan Rd.  
Charles H. Schelhas, 25 E. Washington St.  
Leslie H. Dix, 1951 Irving Park Rd.  
Herman Medak, 5601 N. Clark St.  
Robert A. Atterbury, 55 E. Washington St.  
Wm. T. Osmanski, 4753 Broadway.  
Francis A. Napolilli, 1057 Wilson Ave.

### **Northwest Side**

George R. Weller, 3202 N. Cicero Ave.  
Louis Feldstein, 3303 Lawrence Ave.  
Frank V. Oliver, 5304 Sunnyside Ave.

### **West Suburban**

Thomas W. Russell, 31 E. Congress St.  
William H. Keehn, 1047 Pleasant St., Oak Park.  
Donald C. Hawkins, 401 South Blvd., Oak Park.  
Clem V. Shoskey, Western Springs.

### **West Side**

William L. Kaplan, 4246 W. Harrison St.  
Matthew P. Kloris, 1821 S. Halsted St.  
Philip J. Modjeski, 808 S. Wood St.

### **Service**

Robert H. Borkenhagen  
Raymond E. Lipsey

## **AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION APPOINTMENT BOOK**

The 1947 American Dental Association Appointment Book, published by the Bureau of Public Relations of the American Dental Association, is now available to all members. The new book includes a variety of exclusive features. A full week's appointments may be listed on a double page. It provides for a patient recall system and contains a catalog of books on dentistry available at the American Dental Association library, a separate catalog of dental health educational literature, and a list of local anesthetic agents and dentifrices acceptable to the Council on Dental Therapeutics. Copies may be ordered from the Bureau of Public Relations, American Dental Association, 222 East Superior Street, Chicago. The book sells for \$1.50 a copy.

### **STORY OF AN ASSOCIATION**

Revised editions of the booklet, "The Story of an Association," which describes the origin and development of the American Dental Association, are being distributed by the Bureau of Public Relations.

The new edition contains twenty-six chapter headings ranging from a short history of organized dentistry to a complete summary of current activities of the Association, its committees, councils and bureaus. Included are outlines of the Association's governmental structures, a special chapter of finances showing major sources of income and principal expenditures, and descriptions of functions of each department. In all, the booklet's sixty-four pages provide a thorough view of professional activities of interest to all dentists.

Copies may be secured free of charge by sending a postal card request to the Bureau of Public Relations, American Dental Association, 222 East Superior Street, Chicago.

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# QUOTATIONS AND ABSTRACTS

## RECENT REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF PENICILLIN

A new crystalline penicillin is now available which does not require refrigeration and which, when dissolved in saline solution, is much less painful than previous penicillin preparations have been. Its potency is measured on the basis of exact weight and represents the first penicillin whose exact potency is known.

Beeswax with peanut oil has been known for some time as a vehicle for prolonging the time required for absorption of parenterally administered penicillin. The mixture is now provided in a sterile cartridge-type disposable syringe. With this unit no sterilization of the needle or syringe is required. It is supplied in 300,000 Oxford units per cubic centimeter and permits blood levels to be established within an hour and maintained for twenty-four hours or longer.

Penicillin tablets are more on the market which are administered by mouth, but the dosage is five times greater than the amount that would be injected. Present recommendations, however, confine the use of oral penicillin to the less severe infections. Despite the enormous quantities of penicillin that have been administered in large doses, the reports of toxicity are infrequent. (*Meyer, George Edward, Journal of Oral Surgery, Volume 4, October, 1946.*)

## PENICILLIN IN VINCENT'S INFECTION

With some knowledge of the spirocheticidal potentiality of penicillin in the treatment of patients hospitalized for acute infections such as osteomyelitis of the mandible, acute cellulitis and deep neck infections, the authors observed a complete absence of inflammation of the mucous membranes of the mouth and an

unusual tissue tone in that it was free of the usual sluggishness that usually accompanies illness. These observations were confirmed by others. In treating Vincent's infection with penicillin, they observed a prompt improvement and the relief of all subjective symptoms within the first twenty-four hours.

Owing to the apparent lack of knowledge of a standard or an effective minimum dose in the treatment of this disease, sixteen patients were selected and admitted to the hospital. After some experimentation, the authors found that the group that received 30,000 units every three hours showed a definite improvement the second day. There was a marked decrease in odor and the general tissue tone was much improved. The average number of hours penicillin was administered was forty-two and one-half, and the average total dosage of penicillin was 425,000 units. (*Hoppe, Walt E., and Meyer, George Edward, Journal of Oral Surgery, Volume 4, October, 1946.*)

## ANESTHESIA

Guedel's classic monograph of 1923 on the "Signs of Anesthesia" and his book, "Inhalation Anesthesia," became the "bibles" of the subject that is no longer merely an art but a science. McKesson rightly insisted that anesthesia could not be improved unless records of the patients physiological functions were kept, both for future study and to impress on the administrator the need to watch these vital functions closely.

Anesthesia teaching today emphasizes that "Anesthesiology" is the study of the physiological changes occurring in the anesthetized patient, rather than just the teaching of technical procedures. In other words, "Anesthesia is something happening to the patient rather than something one does to him." There are anesthesia nurses whose years of practice

in a few procedures has made them so skillful that less experienced physicians could not compete with them were technical ability the only criterion. If a disaster or near-disaster happened during a case, the patient's poor condition was blamed. Too often, the lack of knowledge by both nurse and surgeon may have been the real failure. Yet, disaster is easily avoided by assuring patent air passages, and by gentle inflation of the lungs with oxygen, either from one's own lungs or from the breathing bag of the gas machine. Frequent exhalation out into the room is advisable, to decrease the depth of anesthesia.

All narcotic, hypnotic and anesthetic drugs are depressants. More specifically, almost all of them depress respiration—the barbiturates in very light degrees of narcosis. All these drugs may cause such profound narcosis that merely discontinuing the anesthetic won't do when breathing becomes shallow or ceases. To do artificial respiration effectively, the air passages must be open. Simply applying the oxygen mask to the face is not enough—rhythmic inflation of the lungs must be done promptly.

A second type of anesthetic depression is also poorly understood by the untrained—that of circulation. Prompt administration of oxygen and a mild circulatory stimulant such as neosynephrin will correct this condition. In any case, use excess oxygen for either depressed respiration or circulation.—*Chicago Medical Society Bulletin*.

## ANTIBIOTICS

Active research to discover antibiotic agents that are superior to the ones now in use is under way but penicillin and streptomycin are the important ones at the moment. It is safe to estimate that eighty per cent of the penicillin now used is wasted because it is often given in conditions in which it is of no value. It is often given in too small doses to effect a cure especially when given orally. It takes four or five fold more than paren-

teral injections to provide adequate amounts in the body.

There is another undesirable possibility with the use of penicillin and that is the likelihood of the development of penicillin-fast bacteria which will be resistant to treatment. This is still only a possibility, but the danger must be borne in mind. In general, the use of penicillin should be restricted to the condition for which it is officially recommended. It should be given in adequate dosage and only as long as needed.

Penicillin has no value in the virus pneumonias, but is the most effective agent now used for bacterial pneumonia. Excellent results with either parenteral or oral therapy have been achieved. Penicillin is of great value in empyema. Its injection into the pleura cavity in amounts of 25,000 units daily often results in cure without surgical intervention.

The effects of penicillin in subacute bacterial endocarditis have been truly spectacular. Large series of cases are now reported with a majority of cures. While the patient may be cured of his attack, it must be remembered that the injured valve remains to serve as a possible Nidus for another attack later. Persons who have had cardiovascular defects and who require surgical operations of the nose, throat or mouth (tooth extraction) should be given penicillin as a prophylactic agent in doses of 100,000 units parenterally the day of the operation and for two days afterward to prevent the implantation of streptococci on the injured valves.

Since penicillin does not satisfactorily attack gram-negative bacilli, search for an antibiotic which does resulted in the discovery of streptomycin. At present, streptomycin has given the best results in the treatment of tularemia and certain infections of the urinary tract. Good results have been reported in certain tuberculous infections, but optimism is not justified at present for pulmonary tuberculosis.—*Hobart A. Reimann, M.D., Chicago Medical Society Bulletin, September 7, 1946.*

# NEWS OF THE BRANCHES

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## WEST SIDE BRANCH

The greatest turnout in the history of the West Side Branch took place Veterans Night, November 12 at the Midwest Athletic Club. In addition to forty veterans, there were approximately two hundred members and guests present. The food was both plentiful and delicious. The speakers were eloquent, and the entertainers were good. Everyone entered into jolly good fellowship. Earl Boulger, Michael DeRose and Frank Conklin welcomed the former service men back into the fold. We take our hats off to Harry Rubens and his committee who obtained the excellent entertainers. He was very fortunate in being able to secure Miss Josephine Stenoitis, who sings very beautifully. The dancing girls performed very gracefully in their various dances, and the magician was magical in every sense of the word. Last but not least, both Dr. Sicher's and Dr. Schour's lectures were very informative. Distinguished guests present were our own Chicagoan, Dr. R. I. Humphrey and Dr. Kendall from Milwaukee. . . . Bill Gubbins passed out cigars in celebration of the birth of a daughter. Baby and mother are doing fine. . . . George Blaha has just given up golf because of the weather. . . . Harry Epstein and Joshua Vission have just returned from visiting in Waukesha, Wisconsin. . . . Victor Hogstrom has sufficiently recovered from an attack of phlebitis to resume his practice. . . . Ed Rus just returned from bagging the limit of pheasants up South Dakota way. . . . George Barnes has been shooting pheasants around Iron Mountain, Michigan. . . . Walter Kelly just won a new Nash car on a raffle at the Lions Club. That car has everything on it but a spare tire. . . . George Walls is to be installed as master of his Masonic Lodge, December 3 at Laurel Temple. . . . Albert Pearl wants either an apartment or a car. Lloyd Hill wants the "good old times." He might

mention that to the Republicans. . . . Don't forget the forum meetings that are being held at noon every first Tuesday of the month. The meeting place is the Austin Y.M.C.A., corner of Central Park and Race Streets. . . . Table clinics will be featured at our December 10 meeting which, as usual, is being held at the Midwest Athletic Club. Dr. Harry Sicher will give the second of his series of lectures on periodontia. Other high lights of the clinics will be full denture construction, crown and bridge, partial denture design, and porcelain and acrylic crown construction. Every phase of the above subjects will be described thoroughly by excellent technicians.—*Irvin C. Miller, Assistant Branch Correspondent.*

## NORTH SUBURBAN

Clinic Day has passed, but the memory of a very pleasant and enjoyable day remains. Probably the largest crowd in the history of the day showed up, and I am sure that each and every one of them felt that their time was well spent. In the first place, attendance at the limited attendance clinics was such that many of the boys could not get in the rooms because the clinics had been sold out long in advance. Doctors Bierman, Bradison, and Anderson deserved the applause they received because their material and presentation were perfect. At the general lecture, Charles Kendall held his audience with facts and figures, and even though many had heard him before, the large attendance proved that we are still very much interested in practice management and economics. Table and manufacturers' clinics were so numerous and so well attended, one would think that North Suburban Branch was running a race with the Midwinter Meeting. About three hundred were at the morning and afternoon sessions, and over two hundred stayed for dinner and the evening talk. Once again the meal was

superb, and the saliva flowed freely when the delicious filets were brought on. Since changing our meeting place to the North Shore Hotel, our reputation for serving good meals at our meetings has spread throughout the society. Eddie Ryan acted as toastmaster and did a wonderful job by not having anything to say. Don Bartlett, president of Lake County Dental Society, recited an informative poem about dentistry. Not only did Don come to the meeting, but he brought along eighteen of his fellow members. Representatives from Lake County and North Suburban attended, as well as members from every branch of the Chicago Dental Society. W. R. Waxler, a former member of this branch, came all the way from Paxton. The main speaker, Henry M. Hedges, was everything that could be desired of a banquet speaker, and certainly lived up to his wonderful reputation. As witty and charming as he was, he was outdone by the breathtaking color films that he presented of the South Seas. As most of the films were taken before the influx of American men and machines, the islands and natives were as we had read and dreamed about, and not what we saw when we were actually there ourselves. All in all, he was a grand individual, and a fitting climax for a swell day. Last of all, but by far not the least, was the winning of the grand prize, a case of bonded liquor, by Harry Chronquist. . . . Bill Mayer is in Philadelphia visiting with his son who is in the Navy Medical Corps. . . . O. H. Stuterville donated some of his private stock of moose meat to the last luncheon of the Evanston group. . . . Otto Brasmer and Stan Richards went pheasant hunting at Keensburg, Illinois, and wore themselves out without much luck. Otto's dog was so tired that Otto had to carry him up the steps when they got home. . . . Art Leaf is going home to Wisconsin for a few days to see his mother who has been sick. . . . Al Bushey was pheasant hunting, and from what we heard, neither Al nor the birds got shot. . . . Jim Pearce is preparing for a deer hunt in Minnesota, near Fargo. . . . That's enough news

for now, we have to save some for the next edition.—*Edward J. Sullivan, Branch Correspondent.*

#### **NORTH SIDE**

Elmer A. Lordahl and Mrs. Lordahl are the proud parents of a son, Var Eugene, born September 10 at Passavant Hospital. Krystan Ruth, age three and one-half years, and E. Arnold Jr., age two years, were at home to welcome the newcomer. His proud papa commutes daily from Libertyville to his office on Howard Street and we hope that floor walking will not interfere with the train schedule. . . . Robert C. Pond, chairman of the study club, will be glad to start classes if anyone is interested. Drop him a line to the Uptown Bank Building or telephone Longbeach 0207. . . . I have before me a clipping lauding Rufus W. Lee as a prize dahlia grower. His skill as a grower of flowers has been related before, but how many of us think of the time and labor involved in making a beautiful garden. Now that winter is here each dahlia bulb must be carefully dug up, labeled and stored away for replanting next spring. Probably this last factor is the one thing that has always stopped me cold. Away go the hoes and shovels as I decide that there isn't time now but next year there will be a real garden—next year. . . . Mel Zinser has disposed of his summer home at Lake Delavan. However, he still has retained the farm. His friends can look forward to a nice fast tractor ride around the south forty instead of the customary speed boat ride. . . . Ralph Wishneff is leaving for Oregon and Washington to stay until after the first of the year. . . . Harold Hillenbrand is now the general secretary for the American Dental Association and yet he is kind enough to be our clinic chairman. The clinic night of Monday, December 2, will be devoted entirely to full denture clinics. There will be six clinics in all and Harold has set up a real program. So, remember Monday, December 2, clinic night at the North Side; dinner at seven o'clock and

meeting at eight o'clock. . . . It is not too early to remind everyone of Ladies Night, January 18. Fred Dattelzweig and committee of Joe Laskowski, Maurice Horan and Maurice Altus are working hard to assure everyone of a wonderful evening. Make your reservations NOW. —*Orrin Baumgarth, Branch Correspondent.*

#### WEST SUBURBAN

Our Veteran's Committee composed of Spencer Magnuson and Werner Gressens has just completed a fine piece of work, and Spencer made his report to the Society at our last meeting on November 12. The return to private practice of one hundred and fifteen veterans was publicized twice in their local newspapers. This was accomplished in ninety-eight separate display advertisements which were published in twenty-two different newspapers, and which represent thirty-five communities in the West Suburban area. In addition to the publicity given our veterans in the public press, one hundred and ten veterans were presented with season dinner tickets for the four West Suburban evening meetings. The fund for this project was raised through private subscriptions among the membership of the branch. A rising vote of thanks was the spontaneous response of the membership to this splendid piece of work. . . . Seventy-four members and guests were present for dinner at our first meeting. Among the guests were Dr. Silberhorn and Dr. John M. Spence of the faculty of the University of Illinois. Dr. Spence, we are happy to say, has applied to have his membership transferred to West Suburban Branch. . . . Richard Clark, one of our returned veterans, has returned to practice at Garfield Avenue and South Oak Park Avenue. He was in the Army Dental Corps for thirty-nine months and served for five months in the front lines in Germany. This is indeed a very memorable record. . . . Word has come that our good member, Arthur Hurt, is about to embark on a mission to India. . . . We are very sorry to hear

that Alfred Kratky has been ill for several weeks. Best wishes for a speedy recovery. . . . C. F. Peterson has returned from Army service, and his office location is at 6024 West North Avenue. . . . We were glad to see George Welk in civilian clothes at our last round table meeting. . . . Bob McNulty and Bob Pollock were in attendance at the recent American Dental Association meeting in Miami, Florida. . . . Al Kuncl, E. L. Brosman and Grover Sprafka are hunting in South Dakota. . . . John Dumelow visited his daughter, Marion, recently at Buena Vista College, Storm Lake, Iowa. . . . On December 2 the Round Table will meet at noon at the Oak Park Club. A denture technic film will be shown. . . . The second regular evening meeting of West Suburban Branch will be held at the Oak Park Club on January 14, 1947. The speaker will be Dr. Edward J. Ryan on the subject, "Psycho-Biologic Aspects of Dental Practice." . . . West Suburban Branch is saddened by the passing of one of its members, B. F. Howery of 5 East Burlington Street, Riverside.—*A. J. La-Grow, Branch Correspondent.*

#### ENGLEWOOD

First off—a plug for Old Timers Night to be held at the Windermere East Hotel, Tuesday, December 10, 1946. Refreshments and good-fellowship to be at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 7:30, ceremonials and old timers induction at 9:00, and a grand bit of entertainment and no long speeches. Get going, fellows, and make your reservations, but they must be accompanied by your check. . . . We had a grand Armistice Day celebration on November 12 which was ably and well handled by our own H. C. Butterly. We had two speakers; the first, a veteran of World War II, First Sergeant William Trubeck. Whether you had been a veteran of this war or not, it was an hour about as enjoyably spent as anyone could imagine because Sergeant Trubeck traced the campaign through Normandy and so humanly brought out the seriousness of war but at the same time told many

humorous antidotes of men living together in constant peril. This talk was followed by a well placed discourse by Emil Aison on our thoughts during and following such a war as we have just witnessed. Do they remain on the higher plane for the good of all men or do they return to the greed and jealousies of everyday living as we so easily do? I hope you'll all bear with me on the above lengthy description but there is a motive—we have over one hundred and fifty veterans of this war and we had about eighteen at our meeting. This meeting was extremely interesting as is most of our others and we want you back in our fellowship. I know we want your company, and we just compliment ourselves a little in thinking that you might want ours. . . . J. D. Johnston, a member of Englewood, was buried at Watseka, Illinois, November 7. . . . Willis Bray has been in the hospital for observation following a gall bladder attack. Stanley Pacer had an abdominal operation and is nicely regaining health and expects to be back at work soon. . . . Ev Shissler is the proud father of a baby boy. . . . Frank Hospers is on his way back to California. . . . Tom Starshak should be enjoying New Orleans and surely the Tulane—Notre Dame game. . . . H. C. Buttery spends his week ends at McHenry. . . . We're happy some more of our Army and Navy veterans are back and located. W. J. Connors is on East 79th Street and John C. Corrigan is on West 79th Street. . . . The new cars are starting to show up at Englewood. Rodney Marks has a Mercury and our President, John Lace, a new Buick. . . . We do have quite a few hunters at Englewood and if we don't watch out we will start out a new strain of hunter's stories. This one sounded good to me. Bill Shippee and Ed Weyher started the Illinois pheasant season out just on the day, but they had to do some mighty good foot work even to spot a few of the elusive creatures. Ed took a shot at a small pheasant hen and hollered back at Bill, "Boy, that was a large quail." The payoff though seems to be that it is Bill's dog they used and being a true soul, whatever they shoot he

brings back to Bill.—*T. R. Vermeulen, Assistant Branch Correspondent.*

#### NORTHWEST

Now that the elections are over we can concentrate on other matters. . . . Our meeting happens to fall on the deadline date for the *Fortnightly Review* thereby making it impossible to give a report until the next issue. Our next meeting on Friday, January 10, is to be Clinic Night, featuring home talent. Contact Program Chairman Gerson Gould if you would like to give a table clinic. There will be no meeting in December. . . . Before you know it, Christmas will be here. Don't delay your Yuletide shopping. . . . Owen Dullaghan had the misfortune to have someone drop a bowling ball on his foot necessitating a lay-off from his favorite sport. . . . President Bob Placek is planning on a committee of Councilors to help returning veterans in any way possible. Let your problems be known. . . . John Meinhardi is sporting a new Pontiac. . . . The Branch extends sympathy to our Secretary, Pete Włodowski, upon the loss of his mother recently. . . . The stork paid a visit to the home of A. J. Wolski and left a cute little six-pound baby girl named Sharon. He also had another visitor, Dr. Phillip Gemeling, who is a recent dental graduate. George Ulvestad, Sr. and wife spent a week touring in Iowa recently. . . . Among new members of the branch are Walter G. Missak of 3054 Milwaukee Avenue and Andrew E. Mitran of 3556 Fullerton Avenue. Welcome and come out to the meetings. . . . Julius Goodfriend is back from the Army and associated with his dad, Sam, at 1608 Milwaukee Avenue. . . . Mark Spencer will do a little pheasant hunting during Thanksgiving week in Iowa. There are rumors he has machine guns mounted on each wing of his plane which would make this a most effective way of bagging the birds. . . . LaMar Harris leaves this week for a deer hunting expedition. Since meat is dear, free deer would be most acceptable. . . . Arthur Elfenbaum, in-

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## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### ILLINOIS STUDY OF CHILD HEALTH SERVICES CONTINUED

One of the beneficial results of World War II, of which there are a few, is the stimulation of interest in the health and fitness of children. The wholesale rejections of both young men and young women for duty in the armed services served as a measure of the fitness of our young people. The fact that many of these rejectees had never seen fit to visit a physician or dentist regarding their ailments prompted the American Academy of Pediatrics to promote its present study. The Academy realizes that the planning for medical and dental care depends a whole lot on the attitude of the physicians and dentists themselves. They can make or break the program.

Most statistical data, needed as a basis for this planning, are scattered and incomplete. For this reason, the Academy, has requested all practicing physicians and dentists and all organizations interested in the care of children to take part. The study is being conducted through established channels of organized medicine, dentistry and associated groups and has been indorsed by them.

As dentists, the members of the Chicago Dental Society have been asked by the American Academy of Pediatrics to assist in this worth-while undertaking. Each dentist is asked to complete the one-page schedule which he has received and return it promptly. Dentists are asked simply to indicate their data for the day stamped on the schedule. This one-day record is made, specifically, for the purpose of determining how many dentists care for how many children in a given area. It is not being asked in order to determine how big a practice the dentist has, but rather to determine the overall picture. If each dentist were left to choose the day he wished to report he, undoubtedly, would pick his busiest day. The result would not tell the normal

amount of dental service rendered. So each dentist reports for a specified time, regardless of whether he is operating or playing golf. Emphasis is placed on the fact that the Study's procedures for collecting data are so arranged that identities of individuals are lost.

### CAPTAIN TARTRE AWARDED COMMENDATION RIBBON

Captain Joseph A. Tartre, (DC), U.S.N., has been awarded a commendation by the Secretary of the Navy.

The ceremony took place at the Headquarters of the Thirteenth Naval District in Seattle, Washington, where Captain Tartre is on duty. Presenting the Commendation Ribbon was Rear Admiral George H. Fort, U.S.N., Commandant of the Thirteenth Naval District, who read the accompanying citation: "For outstanding service as Senior Dental Officer at the United States Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, from July 1, 1941, to September 14, 1944. Exceptionally skilled in planning, organizing and directing the Dental Division of the Medical Department, Captain Tartre established and developed a broad program of instruction to cover General and Prosthetic dental service and training of Dental Technologists in these specialized fields, indoctrination and instruction in general Navy duties and provision for dispensaries, clinics and facilities to care for the dental needs of over 500,000 men during this period. His professional skill, vision and steadfast devotion to duty in the fulfillment of a vital mission reflect highest credit upon Captain Tartre and the United States Naval Service."

During Captain Tartre's tour of duty as Senior Dental Officer at Great Lakes, over 1,000 dental officers were indoctrinated and served at the station, with a maximum of 450 on duty at one time. This was the largest single dental activity in the Army and Navy.

Captain Tartre graduated from Tufts College Dental School in 1914 with a D.M.D. degree (*cum laude*), and entered the Navy in 1917. He holds a Fel-

lowship in the American College of Dentists and is a member of Omicron Kappa Upsilon, Honorary Dental Fraternity.

While on duty at Great Lakes, Captain Tartre made many friends in the Chicago Dental Society. He was President of the Lake County Dental Society in 1943 and many of the Society's meetings were held at Great Lakes Naval Training Station during his term of office. He and his associates appeared on many of the Branch Society programs and also participated in the Midwinter Meeting programs. He was awarded one of the nine Chicago Dental Society's Honorary Memberships in 1944.

### **FALL REGISTRATION AT UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS' CHICAGO PROFESSIONAL COLLEGES**

Final figures for fall semester registration at the University of Illinois professional colleges here, released today by George R. Moon, examiner and recorder, show 1,468 are attending classes on the campus at Polk and Wood Streets.

Of the total, 635 are enrolled in the College of Medicine, 377 in the College of Pharmacy, 169 in the College of Dentistry, 24 in the Occupational Therapy curriculum, and 2, both women, in the Medical Technology course. In addition, there are 82 regular graduate students.

In medicine, 564 are men; 71 are women. Of the total, 296 are veterans.

In pharmacy, 324 are men; 53 are women. Of the total, 260 are veterans.

In dentistry, 166 are men; 3 are women. Of the total, 94 are veterans.

All 24 occupational therapy students are women. Of these, none is a veteran.

Of the 82 in graduate school, 34 are veterans and 17 are women.

The three women dentistry students are Miss Elizabeth J. Zwemer, Box 120, Berrien Springs, Michigan, a freshman; Miss Santina R. Litturi, 751 South Leavitt Street, Chicago; and Miss Marie C. Novak, 5343 South Nordica Avenue, Chicago; both sophomores.

The two medical technology students are Miss Madelyne O. McDonald, Peach Creek, West Virginia, and Miss Lila B. Rojesky, 6624 North Ashland Avenue,

Chicago. Miss McDonald is a veteran.

These registration figures do not include enrollments for postgraduate refresher courses, offered especially but not exclusively for the benefit of medical and dental officers returning from service in the armed forces.

In this category, there are 153 in medicine and 26 in dentistry. Of the number in medicine, 4 are women.

### **PRESENT STATUS OF SOCIALIZED MEDICINE**

With the Republican party winning control of both the House and the Senate, proponents of socialized medicine and dentistry will have considerably less success in getting support for their legislation. Republican party leaders have already expressed their opposition to many proposals carried in the Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill. The eightieth Congress will see many new faces in both houses but, in addition to this, there will be important changes in committee chairmanships.

The congressional streamlining which was passed at the last session has the approval of the Republicans also. This will reduce the number of committees from forty-eight to nineteen in the House and from thirty-three to fifteen in the Senate.

Senator Murray, a ringleader of the group favoring medical legislation, will be supplanted by a Republican with more conservative leanings on the Committee on Education and Labor.

### **CONGRESS ON DENTAL EDUCATION**

The Council on Dental Education of the American Dental Association is sponsoring a Congress on Dental Education in connection with the Midwinter Meeting of the Chicago Dental Society. The meeting is scheduled for February 8, 1947. All dentists are invited.

The program is under the charge of a special committee headed by Dr. Robert W. McNulty, Dean of the Chicago College of Dental Surgery, Loyola University. A more detailed announcement will be forthcoming.

## NEWS OF THE BRANCHES

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structor in crown and bridge at the University of Illinois, left for a six-weeks trip to California. . . . Henry Boris, Frank Biedka and Dan Klein left for the Columbus, Ohio, dental convention but Dan had to turn back because he became ill much to his disgust. In an optimistic vein he says there will be other dental conventions, notably the big New York meeting in December. Incidentally, the bunch plan on meeting Molotov to help solve some problems facing this troubled world. . . . Congratulations to the West Side Branch on the tremendously successful party for returning veterans. . . . Seeley 7770 is the number.—*Gustave J. Tilley, Branch Correspondent.*

Arizona, followed up by attending the meeting in California. . . . I wonder if the average practicing dentist ever appreciates the amount of time the officers of the parent society use for its members. In talking with Harry Hartley I find that our officers are spending mornings, afternoons, and evenings trying to make us a better organization. . . . At our next meeting on Tuesday, December 3, we will have Dr. J. J. Kovats give both a paper and clinic on full dentures showing roofless and phlangless dentures. This should be a very interesting meeting for every member of Kenwood. His ideas are revolutionary, however they work out in practical cases and your scribe can verify it. While reading this article, kindly set this date aside in your appointment book. DO IT NOW! ! !—*Lawrence H. Johnson, Branch Correspondent.*

## KENWOOD-HYDE PARK

Kenwood-Hyde Park members enjoyed being guests of the Northwest Indiana Dental Society at Vogel's, Tuesday, November 12. It was gratifying to see the fine support that Kenwood received for this annual affair. The speaker was Chaplain Robert Hall of the Indiana State Penitentiary, in Michigan City, Indiana. His talk was very enlightening. He told us several stories about the men in the confines of the penitentiary. His gruff but understanding voice held us enthralled until his last statement. Harry Hartley, President-Elect of the Chicago Dental Society, spoke a few words. . . . It was good to see Herb Dangremont back from the wars. . . . Bob Wells, our secretary of the parent society, told me about the dental school in Cuba. Bob has condescended to give me his notes on his trip, and I believe it will be most interesting for our members. . . . Ralph Libberton has been invited to give a denture clinic in Peoria upon his immediate return from Utica, New York. . . . B. L. Herzberg is going to attend an orthodontic meeting in Tucson,

## PRACTICE OF CHILDREN'S DENTISTRY

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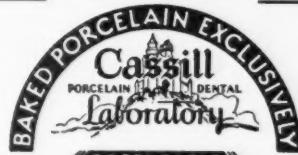
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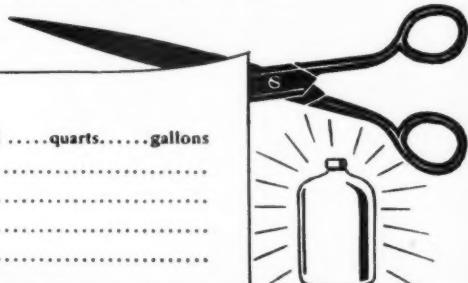
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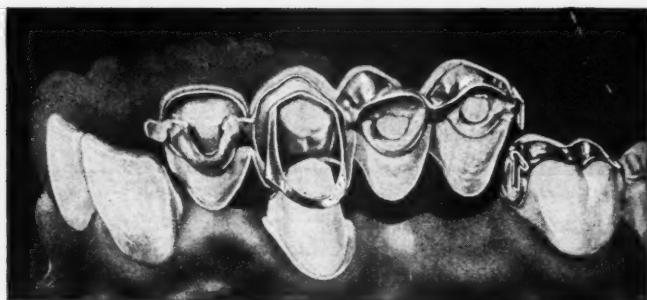
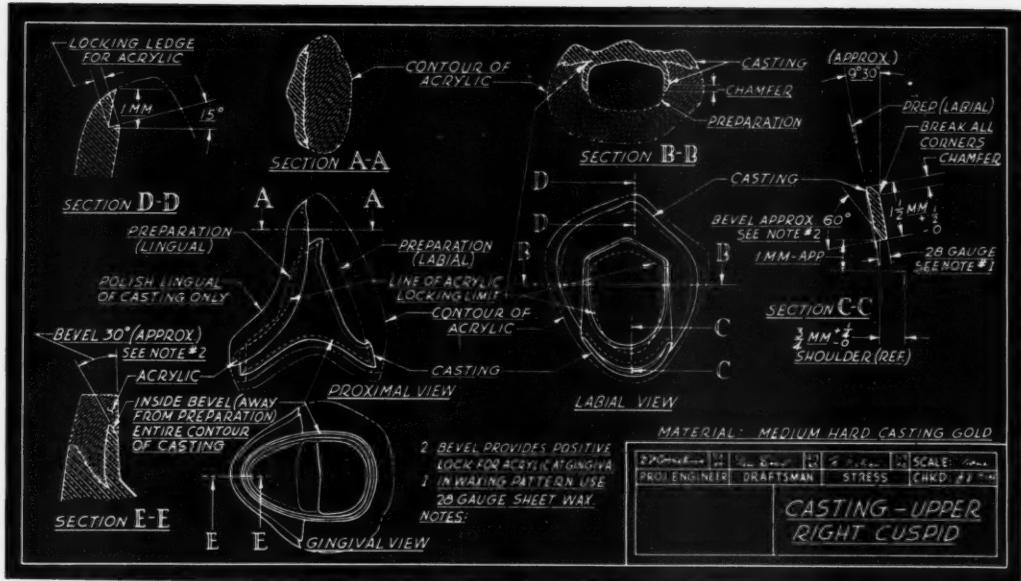
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